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To Michigan House Judiciary Committee Hearing On Mental Health Courts 9-12-13
Chair Kevin Cotter Statement For The Record

The Bill should be amended to ensure that a patient's objection to a psychiatric drug or drugs, or objection to a certain class of drugs, or a certain amount of drugs does not result in exclusion from participation in the program, or in termination from the program. Participants' exercise of their Constitutionally protected right of informed consent to mentally and physically intrusive medical treatments should be secured in the statute, and persons should not have to suffer non-compliance penalty or termination for the exercise of this health-protecting right. Unless patients have the right to refuse drugs which they experience as counter-therapeutic or harmful, mental health courts will become instruments of fraud, abuse and injury. The current quality and safety of psychiatric drugs, and especially the most profitable "anti-psychotic" drugs, is not what we'd like it to be, and not what psychiatrists commonly portray it to be. Psychiatric drugs are seriously harmful to many, and provide no benefit to probably more than 50% of the persons the drugs are prescribed to. Psychiatrists typically expect all their patients to consume drugs, and they will accuse patients who object to the drugs of being crazy, dishonest or incompetent. Please note that this scholarly literature on antipsychotic drugs is not psychotic delusion:

Neuropsychopharmacology, K.A. Dorph-Petersen, et al., March 2005: Both first and second generation antipsychotic drugs shrink the brains in monkeys 8-11%, with frontal and parietal lobes shrinking 11-15%

Nature Neuroscience, H. Tost, et al., June 2010: A single dose of a commonly prescribed APD shrinks the brain within hours of administration. "This is the fastest change in brain volume ever seen."

British Journal of Psychiatry, Aug. 1977: Single dose of APD caused "marked slowing of thinking", "profound cognitive restriction", "severe anxiety" and they could not continue work.

Law, Behavior, and Mental Health Policy, Smith and Meyer, 1987: APDs may make "reading, talking, and social interactions difficult or impossible."

Molecular Brain Research, R. Castro, et al., Oct. 1994: APDs "induce long-term deleterious effects in offspring development when administered prenatally."

Lancet, A.L. Madsen, et al., Sept. 1998: APDs caused brain shrinkage/atrophy.

Lars Martinson M.D., Should Neuroleptic Drugs Be Banned?, 1985: APDs cause "serious and certain brain damage."

Gary Kohls M.D., Mental Illness Epidemic: Drugs Are The Problem, 2010: APDs cause "cognitive disorders, brain damage, loss of creativity, loss of spirituality, loss of empathy, loss of energy, loss of strength, fatigue and tiredness, permanent disability,.... Increased depression, anxiety, psychosis."

Fred Baughman M.D., Psychiatry Is Not A Medical Practice, 2010: Instead of helping people, psychiatrists use drugs to damage our main organ of adaption-the brain-and call it treatment. Psychiatrists are guilty of a harmful health care fraud.

USA Today Magazine, T. Bibeau, Psychiatric Drugs Kill The Lives of Those Who Take Them, May 1994: APDs have long been known to ruin lives instead of curing illnesses. The drugs can cause psychosis, destroy mental functioning, and make people mute and disabled.

Quarterly Journal of Medicine, B. Charlton, M.D., Why Are Doctors Still Prescribing Neuroleptics?, 2006: APDs should be "replaced by gentler and safer sedatives." APDs are dangerous, unpleasant, and suppress behavior rather than cure illnesses. The medical truth represents a disaster for the reputation of psychiatry.

Neuroscience, Milstein, et al., Nov. 2010: Animal experiments indicate exposure to APDs in fetal life or early childhood "produces long-term behavioral dysfunction."

Lawrence Stevens J.D., Psychiatric Drugs: Cure or Quackery?, 1997: APDs damage the brain dearly and permanently. It is "criminal" to use these drugs on mental patients, and "a crime worse than rape" to force them on patients against their consent. APDs cause "misery- not tranquility", "they blot out a person's ability to think and act", but "this is disabling people, not therapy".

I urge the Michigan legislature to begin to identify and revise those laws and proposed laws which result in psychiatric fraud, assault and the violation of Constitutional rights. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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